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Councilmember Jennifer Mossotti's 9th District News & Notes Newsletter

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Fire Station "Brownouts" set to end April 1.

*Council votes unanimously to fund overtime and
additional firefighting staffing.*

The March 21 Council meeting was a true milestone in our City's history as we took a giant step forward in an effort to end the "brownouts" of fire stations across Lexington by voting to fund the necessary overtime and hiring of additional firefighters which will end the practice effective April 1. I wish to thank my fellow Council members for their support and shared concern on this issue. Public safety should always be priority #1 and this step demonstrated that the Council fully recognizes that responsibility.

Fire Chief Keith Jackson and his command staff have worked diligently to manage the staffing challenges since the brownouts began occurring and I commend everyone up and down the line for their unwavering efforts to ensure that firefighter staffing will once again soon be at the proper level.

With the addition of the new firefighters the Division of Fire & Emergency Services should reach that level in November. And not a moment too soon. We owe our first responders our full support for their dedication and bravery.

Lexington is a safer community as a result of this action.



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Upcoming Events:

April 5: Chief's Lunch - Have Lunch
with Lexington Fire Chief Keith
Jackson and the Division of Fire -
\$5 Donation to Red Cross. Fire



Speaking at the Stonewall Community Association annual meeting on Monday evening at Stonewall Elementary School. There was a great turnout and representatives there from Police, Fire, Social Services, Engineering, and Water Quality. I appreciate the opportunity to attend.

Training Center, Old Frankfort Pike.
11:30 am - 1:30 pm.

April 11: Wellington
Homeowners Association Quarterly Meeting. Ashland Avenue Baptist Church. 7 pm.

May 18: Founders' Day at
McConnell Springs Park. Annual celebration of the founding of Lexington. Enjoy historic reenactments, storytellers, musical entertainment, and tours of the park.

To have your upcoming event added to a future newsletter, e-mail the information to
rbolson@lexingtonky.gov.

Governor Signs Bill to Implement Pension Reform

On Friday, March 22, Governor Steve Beshear joined Lexington Mayor Jim Gray and the presidents of the City's fire and police unions at City Hall to sign historic House Bill 430, which implements the city's pension reform plan for our police and fire department employees.

I applaud the efforts of everyone involved on all levels over the past several months for their diligence, dedication, and dogged-determination in reaching a practical consensus that will dramatically reduce our city's unfunded pension liability and create a workable and reasonable solution that will ensure our police and fire public servants get the benefits they have earned and deserve.

Lexington's police and fire pension, which has a \$296 million unfunded liability, will now be set on a sustainable path under a consensus plan agreed upon by the mayor, representatives from the police and fire unions and representatives from the City's pension board.

The plan, which was recommended by the City's pension consultant, will immediately cut the city's unfunded liability by approximately 45 percent.

We now have a plan that finally puts our pension fund on sound footing.





The Vial of Life speaks for you when you can't

The Lexington Division of Fire & Emergency Services offers free Vial of Life kits from the nationally recognized Vial of Life Program. It could save your life.

If you had an emergency right now, would first responders know your medical condition, allergies, or what medications you are currently taking? Precious seconds matter in an emergency. Make sure first responders have the information they need. If you are unconscious or unable to speak, your vital information is still available.

The Vial of Life kit includes a medical form, a decal, and a refrigerator magnet to alert authorities about your personal medical information.

Request your free Vial of Life kit by contacting the Lexington Division of Fire Public Education office at 859-231-5605.

Repaving/Resurfacing will begin soon

Streets in the district slated for repair



include sections of Boston, Higbee Mill, Monticello, Southpoint, Tiverton, Toronto, Victoria Way, and others.

To report a pothole on a city-maintained street, call LexCall 3-1-1 or 425-2255. It normally takes two days for a work order to be processed and a pothole then be filled. To report a pothole on a state-maintained road, call (859) 246-2059 for the local state highway garage or (859) 246-2355, for the District #7 office.



LFUCG Div. of Water Quality has just opened the next round of Water Quality Management Fee Incentive Grants

The Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant Program provides financial assistance for projects in the community that improve water quality, address stormwater runoff and educate the public about these issues.

The Division of Water Quality is now accepting applications for FY 2014 projects. The expected budget for FY 2014 is \$1.2 million.

The Division of Water Quality will receive the applications and make recommendations for project

selection. Projects will be ranked based upon project impact, project team and other factors. The Water Quality Fees Board, a citizen's board appointed by the Mayor, will review all recommendations and make the final selection on all grant awards.

CLASS A NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

Open to Fayette County neighborhood, community, and homeowner associations incorporated with the Commonwealth of Kentucky that represent single family homeowners or farms who pay the Water Quality Management Fee.

Grant Award

Projects may be funded up to \$100,000 with a required 20% cost share of total project cost in cash or in-kind donation.

Application Information

[Class A Neighborhood Application Packet for FY 2014](#)

[Class A Neighborhood Application Form for FY2014 \(Word\)](#)

[Class A Neighborhood Application Form for FY2014 \(PDF\)](#)

[FY 2014 Sample Class A Neighborhood Grant Award Agreement](#)

[Sample Budget for Class A Neighborhood Grants](#)

[Maintenance Agreement for Class A Neighborhood Grants](#)

[Incentive Grant Scoring Sheet - neighborhood grants](#)

NOTE: Applications for FY 2014 projects are due on May 10, 2013.

Grant Selection

Grants will be selected in July 2013, and award of grants by the Urban County Council is anticipated in November 2013.

LFUCG Consolidated Plan available for public review through April 2

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Consolidated Plan is available for review by citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties through 5 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to serve as a planning document for the LFUCG's participation in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's community planning and development programs. The overall goal of these programs is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons.

The 2013 Consolidated Plan is a one-year action plan that provides for the allocation of federal funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program in the amount of \$1,993,717, program income from the CDBG program in the amount of \$150,000; federal funding in the amount of \$946,596 from the HOME program, \$180,000 program income from the HOME Program; and \$164,919 in federal funding from the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program.

Copies of the Consolidated Plan are available for public examination in the Reference Room at the Lexington Public Library located at 140 East Main Street and at the Library's branch locations. The plan may also be examined in the office of the Division of Grants and Special Programs at the Government Center, 200 East Main Street, 6th floor, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Robinwood Neighborhood

Thank you to Robin Young, President of the



Robinwood Neighborhood Association, for inviting me to speak at the Robinwood Neighborhood Association meeting earlier this month. Robinwood is one of several great associations in the 9th District that are providing their members with a strong voice.

If you are not currently a member of a neighborhood association, I urge you to look into joining in order to take advantage of the many benefits membership offers.



Honoring one of our own

At the March 21 Council meeting, Mayor Gray and the Council recognized "one of our own." Lexington firefighter and paramedic, Shannon Ison, a Captain with the Kentucky National Guard, recently received our nation's third-highest decoration of valor, the Silver Star. It was only the fourth issued among the 15,000 Kentucky Guardsmen deployed since 2001.

Ison saved the lives of numerous men under his command during an attack by insurgents in Afghanistan in 2008. His actions, under extreme pressure, were incredibly heroic and beyond the call of duty.

Our community is indeed privileged to have such dedicated first responders on the job.

Neighborhood Action Match Program (NAMP)



Taking time-out from a recent Council meeting to chat with Lynne Lawrence, President of the Wellington Homeowners Association. Lynne addressed the Council regarding an application for Neighborhood Action Match Grant funding for the Wellington neighborhood.

Since 1986, the LFUCG has funded this program to support neighborhood associations in Fayette County in carrying out development activities and improvements using the cooperative efforts and voluntary contributions of neighborhood individuals, businesses, schools and other organizations.

The NAMP provides up to \$10,000 to a neighborhood association for such projects and the association must match all funds it receives with an equal amount through cash contributions or donated materials, services or labor.

Neighborhood associations can apply for the funds by filling out an application and submitting it to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Division of Grants and Special Programs, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, Ky., 40507. For more information about the program, call the Division of Grants and Special Programs at 859-258-3070.

The next open period to submit an application is anticipated to be this fall. For more information on Grants and Special Programs, [click here](#).



Attention: Neighborhood Association Leaders

Live Green Lexington Neighborhood News Resource

Dear Neighborhood Leader,

You have a very important role in our community, and without your dedication, we would have a very difficult time getting information disseminated throughout Lexington. We understand that you take a lot of time out of your busy schedules to put together newsletters and bulletins for your neighborhood and community groups, and we would like to make your job a little bit easier.

Several neighborhood leaders have requested more environmental articles for newsletters, so we have put together a Neighborhood News Resource. www.livegreenlex.blogspot.com

There are only a few articles right now, but we are adding more each week. You are welcome to use these articles and graphics in your newsletters, on Facebook or anywhere else you give information to your neighbors. Each post has a link at the bottom where you can download the article as a Word document to easily copy the text for your newsletter, and most articles have

photos or graphics as well.

The posts show up in the order that they are posted, with the most recent post on top, but you can choose articles by subject and word count using the "Labels" on the right hand side. If you scroll down, you will see an option on the right hand side to enter your email address so that you will be notified when new posts go up.

Additionally, you can comment by clicking on "No Comments" or "# Comments" on the bottom of each post. You are encouraged to give feedback on the articles and request related topics.

If you have any questions about this resource, please let us know.

Thanks for all you do!

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Local Group Thinks Lexington Can Reach "Zero Waste"

According to a news report from WUKY.org, a group of local business professionals wants to see Lexington become a "zero waste" city. As part of community project through Leadership Lexington, the group is targeting ways residents and businesses can increase recycling and compost efforts.

In a recent audit of Lexington's trash, 27% of the material could have been recycled instead of thrown in the garbage, while nearly 29% was compostable material such as yard clippings and food waste.

The Leadership Lexington group will present its zero waste strategic plan to the Urban County Council in April. Lexington has a goal to be trash free by 2020.

2013 Loyalty & Range Cards available at city golf courses

The 2013 loyalty golf cards and range membership cards are currently available for purchase through Parks and Recreation. Both cards are good through December 31, 2013. They can be purchased at Your Play Golf Lexington golf shops at Kearney Hill Golf Links, Tates Creek, the Gav Brewer Jr. Course at Picadome, Lakeside and Meadowbrook. [More Info](#)



Loan-a Box program offers an easy way to handle a big task

If you have a major clean up job at your home this spring, consider taking advantage of the City's Loan-a-Box Program. Residents and non-profit organizations can request to have a 10 cubic yard container delivered to their home or location. This container can be filled with most types of debris and household waste.

The Loan-a-Box program runs year round and is scheduled on a first-come, first-served, basis by calling LexCall at 311, or (859) 425-2255. A list of accepted and not-accepted materials can be found at www.lexingtonky.gov/loanabox.

The box is delivered to your home between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m., on the scheduled day, and is collected the next morning. They are also available over the weekend, with the container delivered on Friday and collected on Monday morning.

There is a fee included with this service to cover the landfill disposal cost. Fayette County residents with LFUCG collection service are charged \$75. The fee is \$180 for those who live outside of the service area, and it covers disposal, plus the cost of dropping off and collecting the box.

This program is available to Fayette County residents and non-profits. This program is not for businesses or private contractors.



Useful Telephone Numbers

Police/Fire/Ambulance Emergency....9-1-1
Police Non-Emergency.....258-3600
Fire Non-Emergency.....231-5600

LexCall/City Hall.....3-1-1 or 425-2255
Animal Control/Humane Society..... 255-9033
Better Business Bureau.....259-1008



County Clerk.....	253-3344
Crime Stoppers.....	253-2020
Senior Citizen Center.....	278-6072
Family Services.....	288-4040
Waste Collection.....	3-1-1 or 425-2255
Fayette Co. Health Dept.....	252-2371
Fayette Co. Sheriff.....	252-1771
Public Library.....	231-5500
Social Security Administration..	1-866-530-7754
Kentucky State Government Info..	502-564-3130
Kentucky Utilities.....	255-0394
Insight Cable.....	514-1400
Kentucky-American Water Co.....	800-678-6301
Columbia Gas Co.....	800-432-9345
Voter Registration.....	255-8683

United Way 2-1-1.....2-1-1
Available 24/7 in a multitude of languages, 211 connects callers with available resources so people can find food, housing, health care, senior services, child care, legal aid, volunteer opportunities, and much more.

Did you miss last month's 9th District News & Notes Newsletter? To read/download the February edition, click [here](#).

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Council workshops and Council meetings occur at 200 East Main Street at the Government Center and are open to the public. You may also watch the proceedings on local Cable Channel 3, GTV3 or online at www.LexingtonKY.gov.



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